

## AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph bridging Pages 22-23 of the specification with the following paragraph:

--Still yet further, as disclosed, for example, in **FIGURE 4**, the seam plate or membrane plate implement assembly, generally indicated by the reference character 310, can comprise a dual-ply tubular substrate 328 which is in the form of a single flattened strip, which is fabricated from a suitable thermoplastic film or sheet material, and which has a plurality of seam plates or membrane plates 326 fixedly secured thereon by means of, for example, a suitable annular or peripheral heat-sealed region 330. Alternatively still further, as disclosed, for example, within **FIGURE 5**, the seam plate or membrane plate implement assembly, generally indicated by the reference character 410, can comprise a plurality of substrates 428-1, 428-1, which may be in the form of single or dual-ply flattened strips, which are fabricated from suitable thermoplastic film or sheet materials, which are secured together at a longitudinally oriented seamed re-

gion 429, and which have a plurality of seam plates or membrane plates 426 fixedly secured thereon by means of, for example, a suitable annular or peripheral heat-sealed region 430. It is noted that in conjunction with the disclosures of the seam plate or membrane plate implement assemblies 310, 410, component parts thereof, which correspond to the component parts of the seam plate or membrane plate implement assembly 110, have been denoted by means of similar reference characters except that such corresponding or similar reference characters are within the 300 and 400 series, respectively. As can readily be appreciated still further from any one of the **FIGURES 2-5**, any one of the substrates 128, 328, 428-1, 428-2 preferably has a predetermined first transverse dimension which is defined between oppositely disposed side edge portions thereof, and each one of the plurality of seam plates 126, 326, 426 has a second transverse dimension which is not greater than the first transverse dimension of the respective substrate 128, 328, 428-1, 428-2 so as to be fixedly mounted upon the respective one of the substrates 128, 328, 428-1, 428-2 in such a manner that the plurality of seam plates 126, 326, 426 are disposed transversely inwardly between the oppositely disposed side edge portions of the respective substrate 128, 328, 428-1, 428-2.--